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Corps signs Decision Record for Contractor Furnished Borrow Material Individual Environmental Report

NEW ORLEANS – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District Commander signed the Decision Record allowing the Corps to proceed with implementing the governments proposed action of utilizing the contractor furnished borrow sites addressed in Individual Environmental Report 19.

The signing of the Decision Record is the first of the IERs to be signed under the alternative National Environmental Policy Act arrangements implemented by the Corps in March 07.

This approval allows for contractors to acquire suitable borrow material from nine sites discussed in IER #19 that are located in Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, Iberville, and Plaquemines Parishes, Louisiana, and Hancock County, Mississippi.

Within IER #19, the Army Corps has assessed the impacts of the proposed action on significant resources in the proposed project area, including:

- wetlands, bottomland hardwood forest;
- wildlife, and threatened and endangered species;
- cultural and recreational resources;
- noise, air, and water quality and;
- socioeconomic resources.

All reasonable and practicable means to avoid or minimize adverse environmental effects have been incorporated into the plan. Various

governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, and citizens were engaged throughout the preparation and review of IER #19.

Draft IER #19 was released for public review on November 4, 2007, and stakeholders and citizens had until December 6, 2007 to comment on the information in the document. Comments were received from governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, and citizens. By request, the Corps hosted a public meeting December 10, 2007 to discuss the governments proposed action discussed in IERs #18 and #19.

The District Commander made a decision that an Addendum to IER #19 addressing comments received during the public review period would be completed. This addendum was released for public review and comment on January 10, 2008.

Stakeholders and citizens were able to provide comments on the IER #19 Addendum during this 30-day review period. Comments were received from governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, and citizens. All IER #19 documents are available on the www.nolaenvironmental.gov website.

Questions or comments concerning proposed hurricane and storm damage reduction actions should be addressed to:

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